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September 9, 2011

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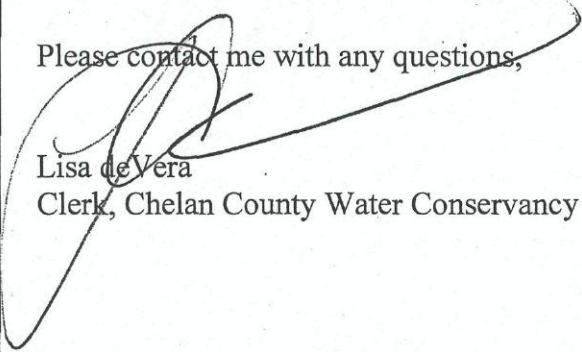
1. James Cannon ROE's/ROD's for CHEL-10-02 through CHEL-10-05

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2. Bear Mountain Water District CHEL-08-11 ROE/ROD
3. United States CHEL-09-17 ROE/ROD

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Chelan County  
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Application for Change/Transfer  
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**Applicant: James R. Cannon**

**Application Number: CHEL-10-04**

This record of decision was made by a majority of the board at an open public meeting of the Chelan County Water Conservancy Board held **September 8, 2011**.

☒ **Approval:** The Chelan County Water Conservancy Board hereby **grants** conditional approval for the water right transfer described and conditioned within the report of examination on **September 8, 2011** and submits this record of decision and report of examination to the Department of Ecology for final review.

☐ **Denial:** The Chelan County Water Conservancy Board hereby **denies** conditional approval for the water right transfer as described within the report of examination on **September 8, 2011** and submits this record of decision to the Department of Ecology for final review.

Signed:

Don Phelps  
Don Phelps, Chair  
Chelan County Water Conservancy Board

Date: 9-8-11

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Report of Examination

Surface Water

X Ground Water

DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED 07/05/10 WATER RIGHT DOCUMENT NUMBER (i.e., claim, WATER RIGHT PRIORITY DATE permit, certificate, etc.) Superseding Certificate G4-26270C 06/23/1979 BOARD-ASSIGNED CHANGE APPLICATION NUMBER CHEL-10-04

NAME James Cannon ADDRESS (STREET) 7940 Entiat River Road (CITY) Entiat (STATE) WA (ZIP CODE) 98822

Changes Proposed: Change purpose Add purpose Add irrigated acres Change point of diversion/withdrawal X Add point of diversion/withdrawal supplemental to additive right. X Change place of use X Other (Temporary, Trust, Interties, etc.) Change from

SEPA The board has reviewed the provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act of 1971, Chapter 43.21C RCW and the SEPA rules, chapter 197-11 WAC and has determined the application is: X Exempt Not exempt

BACKGROUND AND DECISION SUMMARY

Existing Right (Tentative Determination)

MAXIMUM CUB FT/ SECOND	MAXIMUM GAL/MINUTE	MAXIMUM ACRE-FT/YR	TYPE OF USE, PERIOD OF USE				
	600 gpm	120 afy 10.6 afy 2 afy	Irrigation 4/15-10/15 Frost protection 3/15- 6/1 Group domestic continuous				
SOURCE			TRIBUTARY OF (IF SURFACE WATER)				
Well No. 1 and Well No. 3 (same locations)							
AT A POINT LOCATED: PARCEL NO.	1/4	1/4	SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE	WRIA	COUNTY.
262033420050	NW	SE	33	26 N.	20 E.W.M.	46	Chelan
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH WATER IS USED							
Within SW1/4 NE1/4 and NW1/4SE1/4, all lying west of the Entiat River, in Section 33, T. 26N., R. 20 E.W.M., Chelan County							
PARCEL NO.	1/4	1/4	SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE,		
262033130100; 262033420050			33	26 N.	20 E.W.M.		

Proposed Use

MAXIMUM CUB FT/ SECOND	MAXIMUM GAL/MINUTE	MAXIMUM ACRE-FT/YR	TYPE OF USE, PERIOD OF USE				
	600 gpm	120 afy 10.6 2 afy	Irrigation 4/15 – 10/15 Frost protection 3/15 – 6/1 Group domestic continuous				
SOURCE			TRIBUTARY OF (IF SURFACE WATER)				
Three wells							
AT A POINT LOCATED: PARCEL NO.			SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE	WRIA	COUNTY.
Well No. 1- 262033420050	NW1/4	SE1/4					
Well No. 2- 262033120100	NW1/4	NE1/4	All in 33	26 N.	20 E.W.M.	46	Chelan
Well No. 3- 262033420050	NW1/4	SE1/4					
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH WATER IS TO BE USED							
NE1/4 NW1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4; SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; W1/2 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4, west of the Entiat; and E2/3 N2/3 SW1/4SE1/4, west of the Entiat River. Parcel numbers: 262033120050, 262033210010, 262033120100, 262033130100, 262033420050, 262033430050, and a portion of parcel numbers 262033210050 and 262033300050.							
PARCEL NO.	1/4	1/4	SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE,		
			33	26N.	20 E.W.M.		



Board’s Decision on the Application

MAXIMUM CUB FT/ SECOND	MAXIMUM GAL/MINUTE 600 gpm	MAXIMUM ACRE-FT/YR 120 afy 10.6 afy 0.5 afy	TYPE OF USE, PERIOD OF USE Irrigation 4/15 – 10/15 Frost protection 3/15 – 6/1 Single domestic continuous				
SOURCE Well No. 1: 1,650 feet west and 2,400 feet north from the southeast corner of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. Well No. 2: 2,657 west and 1,032 feet south from the northeast corner of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. E.W.M. Well No. 3: 1,650 feet west and ~ 2,390 feet north from the southeast corner of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.			TRIBUTARY OF (IF SURFACE WATER)				
AT A POINT LOCATED: PARCEL NO. Parcel No. 262033420050	Well No. 1 NW1/4	SE1/4	SECTION	TOWNSHIP N.	RANGE	WRIA	COUNTY.
Parcel No. 262033120100	Well No. 2 NW1/4	NE1/4	All in 33	26 N.	20 E.W.M.	46	Chelan
Parcel No. 262033420050	Well No. 3 NW1/4	SE1/4					
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY ON WHICH WATER IS TO BE USED AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD							
NE1/4 NW1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4; SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; W1/2 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4, west of the Entiat; and E2/3 N2/3 SW1/4SE1/4, west of the Entiat River. Parcel numbers: 262033120050, 262033210010, 262033120100, 262033130100, 262033420050, 262033430050, and a portion of parcel numbers 262033210050 and 262033300050.							
PARCEL NO.	¼	¼	SECTION 33	TOWNSHIP N. 26 N.	RANGE, 20 E.W.M.		



## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORKS

Well No. 1: An existing well 10 inches in diameter, 73 feet deep, with a 60 horsepower Aurora turbine pump connected to undertree sprinklers, handlines, and micro sprinklers throughout the farm.

Well No. 2: An existing well 10 inches in diameter, 58 feet deep, with a 30 horsepower Berkeley submersible pump connected to a 6 inch mainline running to handlines, micro sprinklers, and solidset undertree sprinklers throughout the farm.

Well No. 3: An existing well 12 inches in diameter, approximately 40 feet deep, with a 1 horsepower submersible pump connected to a 1 inch mainline running to the house.

### DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

BEGIN PROJECT BY THIS DATE: Begun	COMPLETE PROJECT BY THIS DATE: October 31, 2012	COMPLETE CHANGE AND PUT WATER TO FULL USE BY THIS DATE: October 31, 2012
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## REPORT

### **BACKGROUND** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(a)]

On July 2, 2010, James Cannon of Entiat, Washington filed an application for change to add a point of withdrawal, change the place of use to include all the lands irrigated under the Cannon water rights, and extend the season of use by 30 days to be consistent with the two water rights with priority dates of 1890 and 1902 under Superseding Water Right Certificate No. G4-26270C. Mr. Cannon also requested that the provision that the right for irrigation was supplemental to existing rights be removed. The application was accepted at an open public meeting on July 8, 2010, and the board assigned application number CHEL-10-04. At the Board's meeting on July 14, 2011, Mr. Cannon withdrew his request to extend the irrigation season.

The application was filed with three other change applications, which are being considered by the Board concurrently with this change request. The goal is to integrate all of the Cannon water rights into a single system withdrawing from Well No. 1 and Well No. 2 and sharing a common place of use.

On June 30, 2010, Ecology issued Reports of Examination approving changes to WRC No. 130056 and WRC No. 130057, two other water rights owned by the Cannons. Information contained in Reports of Examination WRTS Files No. CS4-130056 and CS4-130057 is used in this Report of Examination (ROE).

### **Attributes of Water Rights as Currently Documented and Proposed Changes**

<i>Attributes</i>	<i><u>Existing</u></i>	<i><u>Proposed</u></i>
Water Right Document No.	Superseding Certificate No. G4-26270C	
Name on certificate, claim, permit:	Randolph N. Cannon	Estate of Randolph N. Cannon
As modified by Certificate of Change number:	NA	
Priority Date, First Use:	June 23, 1979	
Date of Application:		July 2, 2010
Instantaneous Quantity:	600 gpm	No change
Annual Quantity:	120 afy irrigation 10.6 afy frost control 2 afy group domestic	No change
Source:	Well No. 1  Well No. 3	Well No. 1 Well No. 2 Well No. 3
Point of Diversion or Withdrawal:	Well No. 1: NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.  Well No. 3: NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.	Well No. 1: NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.  Well No. 2: NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.  Well No. 3: NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.
Purpose of Use:	Frost control Irrigation of 30 acres Group domestic supply	No change



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Period of Use:	March June 1 (Frost) April 15- Oct 15 (Irrigation) Continuous (Group domestic)	No change.
Place of Use:	SW1/4NE1/4 and NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M., all lying west of the Entiat River	NE1/4 NW1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4; SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; W1/2 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4, west of the Entiat River; and E2/3 N2/3 SW1/4SE1/4, west of the Entiat River.
Existing Provisions:	Any water withdrawn from the well under this groundwater right for irrigation is supplemental to existing surface water rights for the described place of use.	No provisions.

<u>Attributes</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Water Right Document No.	S4-28582C	
Name on certificate, claim, permit:	Randolph N. Cannon	Estate of Randolph N. Cannon
As modified by Certificate of Change number:	NA	
Priority Date, First Use:	December 27, 1984	
Date of Application:		July 2, 2010
Instantaneous Quantity:	44.9 gpm (0.1 cfs)	No change
Annual Quantity:	20 afy	No change
Source:	Entiat River	Well No. 1 Well No. 2
Point of Diversion or Withdrawal:	SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 28, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. (Cannon- Anderson Ditch)	Well No. 1: NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.  Well No. 2: NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.
Purpose of Use:	Irrigation of 5 acres	No change
Period of Use:	April 15 – October 15	No change.
Place of Use:	SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.	NE1/4 NW1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4; SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; W1/2 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4, west of the Entiat River; and E2/3 N2/3 SW1/4SE1/4, west of the Entiat River.
Existing Provisions:	Family Farm Act water right	No change

<u>Attributes</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Water Right Document No.	S4-28583C	
Name on certificate, claim, permit:	Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon	Estate of Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon
As modified by Certificate of Change number:	NA	
Priority Date, First Use:	December 27, 1984	



Continued Date of Application:		July 2, 2010
Instantaneous Quantity:	700.44 gpm (1.56 cfs)	No change
Annual Quantity:	12.4 afy	No change
Source:	Entiat River	Entiat River Well No. 1 Well No. 2
Point of Diversion or Withdrawal:	SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.	SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.  Well No. 1: NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.  Well No. 2: NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.
Purpose of Use:	Frost control	No change
Period of Use:	As required	March 15- June 1
Place of Use:	NE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NE1/4 southwest of Entiat River and NE1/4SE1/4NW1/4 and NW1/4SE1/4 west of Entiat River all in T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.	NE1/4 NW1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4; SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; W1/2 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4, west of the Entiat River; and E2/3 N2/3 SW1/4SE1/4, west of the Entiat River.
Existing Provisions:	None	

<u>Attributes</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Water Right Document No.	S4-29646P	
Name on certificate, claim, permit:	Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon	Estate of Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon
As modified by Certificate of Change number:	NA	
Priority Date, First Use:	March 1, 1988	
Date of Application:		July 2, 2010
Instantaneous Quantity:	98.78 gpm 0.22 cfs	No change
Annual Quantity:	26 afy	No change
Source:	Entiat River	Well No. 1 Well No. 2
Point of Diversion or Withdrawal:	SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 28, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. (Cannon- Anderson Ditch)	Well No. 1: NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.  Well No. 2: NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.
Purpose of Use:	Irrigation of 10 acres	No change
Period of Use:	April 15- October 15	No change.
Place of Use:	SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; NE1/4NE1/4SW1/4; SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4; W1/2NW1/4SE1/4; SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.	NE1/4 NW1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4; SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; W1/2 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4, west of the Entiat River; and E2/3 N2/3 SW1/4SE1/4, west of the Entiat River.



Family Farm Act water right	No change
Maximum combined diversion under Water Right Claims 130056 and 130057 (1.74 cfs), Certificate No. S4-28582C (0.1 cfs), Water Right Claim No. 095511 (0.13 cfs) and this permit shall not exceed 2.19 cfs. Any portion of the defined quantity withdrawn from the well will be proportionately reduced from the diversion.	Maximum combined diversion under Water Right Claims 130056 and 130057 (650 gpm), Certificate No. S4-28582C, Water Right Claim No. 095511 and this permit shall not exceed 852.05 gpm.
Exercise of this right is interruptible based on instream flows in the Entiat River as measured at the Ardenvoir gage: April 15-August 31, 116 cfs; September 1-October 15, 77 cfs.	No change.



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Existing provisions: Any water withdrawn from the well for irrigation under this groundwater right is supplemental to existing surface water rights for the described place of use.

#### *Tentative determination of the water right*

The tentative determination is provided on the front page of this report.

#### *History of water use*

The Cannon farm as shown on Attachment A is located in the Entiat River valley approximately 8 river miles upstream of the Entiat River's confluence with the Columbia River, about 7 miles northwest of the city of Entiat, Washington. The Cannons own land on both sides of the river totaling approximately 154 acres within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 46. The change applications, if approved, will authorize these Cannon water rights for irrigation to have Well No. 1 and Well No. 2 as points of withdrawal and the water to be used on within the entire combined place of use as shown on Attachment A.

Superseding Ground Water Certificate No. G4-26270C was issued to Mr. Cannon with a priority date of June 23, 1979. The certificate authorizes the withdrawal from a well of 600 gpm, 10.6 ac-ft/yr, for frost protection as required from March 15 to June 1; 120 ac-ft/yr for the irrigation of 30 acres from April 15 to October 15; and 2 ac-ft/yr for continuous group domestic supply. The place of use includes lands west of the Entiat River within Parcels No. 262033130100 and 262033420050. All water withdrawals for irrigation are considered "supplemental to existing surface water rights for the described place of use". The term "supplemental" in this case is used to describe the irrigation portion of G4-26270C as a non-additive supply of water; meaning the instantaneous and annual quantities of water withdrawn under G4-26270C for irrigation shall be debited against maximum instantaneous and annual quantities authorized and claimed from existing surface water rights and claims appurtenant to the POU. The existing water rights for irrigation owned by the Cannons as of the priority date of this water right were WRC 130056 and WRC 130057.

The Cannons have filed four water right claims for domestic supply: WRC 130053 is for a portion of the Cannon farm on the east side of the river, outside of the place of use of G4-26270C. WRC 130054, 150162, and 150163 are for land west of the Entiat River within the same place of use as G4-26270C. These claims are for single domestic while the groundwater certificate is for "continuous group domestic supply." The groundwater right was historically used for group domestic supply for farm workers. Certificate G4-26270C includes a provision that any water used for irrigation under the certificate is supplemental to any existing water rights. There is no provision that the right for domestic supply is supplemental to any existing water rights. The water right claims for single domestic supply are not under consideration by this Board. The validity of the claims can be determined only by a court through an adjudication.

On February 4, 2009, Mr. Cannon submitted to Ecology a Showing of Compliance GWC-26270C to add a well as an authorized point of withdrawal under the groundwater certificate. The well, referred to in this Report of Examination as Well No. 3, is located approximately 10 feet from Well No. 1 in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. According to Mr. Cannon, the well is a shallow well that the Cannon's have used to supply domestic water under G4-26270C.

#### **Historic Points of Diversion and Withdrawal**

Commencing operation in 1890, the Cannon Ditch historically served the Cannon orchard and pasturelands west of the Entiat River approximately 1,400 feet southeast of the historic POD. Put into operation by 1902, the Cannon-Anderson Ditch historically served the Cannon's orchard and pasturelands lying east of the Entiat River approximately 2,300 feet southeast of the historic POD. In the early 1960's, the Cannons abandoned the use of the Cannon Ditch, switching solely to the Cannon-Anderson Ditch.

#### **Proposed Points of Withdrawal**

Well No. 1 was drilled in 1980. The well was not assigned a unique well identification number, although a well driller's log was submitted to Ecology in 1980. The well is 10 inches in diameter, 73 feet deep with a static water level of 12 feet at the time of drilling. A 60 horsepower Aurora turbine pump rated at 600 gpm is connected to the well. The well penetrates sands and gravels and is located within the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. In addition to waters withdrawn from this well under Superseding Ground Water Certificate No. G4-26270C, water is also withdrawn from this well under Water Right Claim No. 130056 and Water Right Claim No. 130057. (Refer to the **Other Rights Appurtenant to the Place of Use** section of this report for more details). A water meter is installed on Well No. 1.

Well No. 2, drilled in 1995, is located within the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M., approximately 20 feet from the left bank of the Entiat River. A water meter is installed on the well. A well log was submitted to Ecology in 1995 and the well was assigned unique well identification number ABX237. The well is 10 inches in diameter, 58 feet deep with a static water level of 10.5 feet at the time of drilling. A 30 horsepower Berkley submersible pump rated at 350 gpm is connected to the well. The well penetrates clay, boulders, gravel, and sands. A detailed description of the hydrogeologic setting of the proposed POW is included in the **Hydrologic/Hydrogeologic Evaluation** section of this report.

Well No. 3, is located approximately 10 feet from Well No. 1 in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. The well is a shallow well that the Cannon's have used to supply domestic water under G4-26270C. The well was drilled at the same time as Well No. 1 and is the result of the driller hitting a rock at a shallow depth. There is no well log for this well. A Showing of Compliance submitted by Mr. Cannon is attached as Supp. Ex. 1.



According to Mr. Cannon, withdrawal rates from the two wells are controlled by a valve at each well. Well No. 1 is typically run at 500 gpm and Well No. 2 is operated at 300-350 gpm. Both wells can also be run up to their rated capacities.

### **Place of Use**

With this and subsequent proposed changes, Mr. Cannon intends to modify his water rights to enable the integrated management and use of his water rights throughout the Cannon farm. Historical aerial photographs and testimony from Mr. Cannon indicate that the water right for irrigation is supplemental to WRC 130056 and WRC 130057 for the irrigation of 30 acres within the SW1/4NE1/4 and NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, lying west of the Entiat River. This land is within the proposed combined place of use as shown on Attachment A. The right has also been used for frost control and domestic supply.

### **Purpose of Use**

No change in purpose of use is proposed in this application.

### **Season of Use**

The irrigation season stated on Certificate G4-26270C is April 15 through October 15. The earliest water rights on the Cannon land dating from 1890 and 1902 have an irrigation season of April 1 through October 31. Because the irrigation system is to become integrated, Mr. Cannon requested that the season of use for S4-28582C be modified to be consistent with the primary rights on the Cannon property. Mr. Cannon withdrew this request at the Board's meeting on July 14, 2011.

No change in season of use is proposed in this application.

### **Water Quantities**

Superseding Certificate G4-26270C authorizes up to 600 gpm instantaneous withdrawal (Qi) and 120 ac-ft/yr for irrigation of 30 acres, 10.6 ac-ft/yr for frost control and 2 ac-ft/yr for group domestic supply from Well No. 1. Well No. 3 was added as a point of withdrawal for domestic water supply by a Showing of Compliance. Mr. Cannon intends to use both Well No. 1 and the proposed Well No. 2 to irrigate lands on both sides of the Entiat River, within the combined place of use of all of the Cannon water rights.

### **Measuring and Reporting Water Use**

RCW 90.03.360 requires that the owner of any water diversion maintain substantial controlling works and a measuring device. It must be constructed and maintained to permit accurate measurement and practical regulation of the flow of water diverted. Technical requirements for the measuring and reporting of water use are described in Chapter 173-173 WAC. If approved, this authorization would contain provisions requiring the measuring and reporting of the quantities of water withdrawn or diverted.

Water use meters are installed on both Well No. 1 and Well No. 2.

### *Previous changes*

The Showing of Compliance filed on February 4, 2009 is the only change to the water right since the superseding certificate was issued.

### *SEPA*

- The board has reviewed the proposed project in its entirety. A water right application is subject to a SEPA threshold determination (i.e. an evaluation whether there are likely to be significant adverse environmental impacts) if any one of the following conditions is met.
  - It is a surface water right application for more than one cubic feet per second (cfs), unless that project is for agricultural irrigation, in which case the threshold is increased to 50 cfs, so long as that irrigation project will not receive public subsidies;
  - It is a groundwater right application for more than 2,250 gallons per minute (gpm);
  - It is an application that, in combination with other water right applications for the same project, collectively exceed the amounts above;
  - It is a part of a larger proposal that is subject to SEPA for other reasons (e.g., the need to obtain other permits that are not exempt from SEPA);
  - It is part of a series of exempt actions that, together, trigger the need to do a threshold determination, as defined under WAC 197-11-305.

Because this application does not meet any of these conditions, it is categorically exempt from SEPA and a threshold determination is not required.

The information or conclusions in this section were authored and/or developed by Don Phelps, Waikele Hampton and Mary McCrea.

### **COMMENT AND PROTESTS** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(b)]



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Public notice of the application was given in the Wenatchee World on July 22 and 29, 2010. Protest period ended on August 30, 2010.

There were no protests received during the 30 day protest period. In addition, no oral and written comments were received at an open public meeting of the board or other means as designated by the board.

#### INVESTIGATION [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(c)]

The following information was obtained from a site inspection conducted by Don Phelps and Waikele Hampton on July 15, 2010, technical reports, research of department records, and conversations with the applicant and/or other interested parties.

##### *Proposed project plans and specifications*

Changes proposed to this right include:

1. adding a point of diversion in the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M.; and
2. adding to the place of use to include all land authorized for irrigation under other water rights owned by James Cannon and the Estate of Randolph Cannon in Section 33, T. 26N., R. 20 E.W.M., Parcel Nos. 262033120050, 262033210010, 262033120100, 262033130100, 262033420050, and 262033430050; and a portion of parcel numbers 262033210050 and 262033300050.

Other water rights appurtenant to the property (if applicable)

Two surface water certificates, two surface water permits, Water Right Claim No. 130056 and Water Right Claim No 130057 as changed by Certificate of Change No. CV1-4P276 and approved for a subsequent change by Reports of Examination WRTS File Nos. CS4-WRC130056 and CS4-130057, and five additional water right claims are appurtenant to the place of use of G4-26270C. Mr. Cannon has concurrently with this change application, filed applications for change for the surface water certificate, groundwater certificate and surface water permit. The applications request that both Well No. 1 and Well No. 2 be authorized as points of withdrawal under each right and that the place of use include the combined place of use under all of the Cannon water rights.

S4-28582C – Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon

Surface Water Certificate No. S4-28582C, a Family Farm Act water right, was issued to the Cannons with a priority date of December 27, 1984. The certificate, which is a Family Farm Act water right, authorizes the diversion from the Entiat River of a maximum of 0.1 cfs, 20 ac-ft/yr, for irrigation of 5 acres from April 15 to October 15. The POU includes a portion of the Cannon's pasturelands on the southwest (river right) side of the Entiat River.

S4-28583C – Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon

Surface Water Certificate No. S4-28583C was issued to the Cannons with a priority date of December 27, 1984. The certificate authorizes the diversion from the Entiat River a maximum of 1.56 cfs, 12.4 ac-ft/yr, for frost control as required. The POU includes the Cannon's orchards on the southwest (river right) side of the Entiat River. During the site investigation the pump in the Entiat River appeared to be maintained and Mr. Cannon stated he uses the pump for frost protection as weather conditions demand.

S4-29352P – Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon

Surface Water Permit No. S4-29352P was issued to the Cannons with a priority date of August 4, 1987. The permit authorizes the diversion of up to 1.56 cfs, 5 ac-ft/yr, for frost protection from April 1 to May 31. The place of use includes the Cannon's orchard on both sides of the Entiat River. The point of diversion and pump are the same as that used for frost protection under Surface Water Certificate No. S4-28583. During the site investigation the pump in the Entiat River appeared to be maintained and Mr. Cannon stated he uses the pump for frost protection as weather conditions demand.

S4-29646P – Randolph N. Cannon and James R. Cannon

Surface Water Permit No. S4-29646 was issued to the Cannons with a priority date of March 1, 1988. The permit, which is a Family Farm Act permit, authorizes the diversion of up to 0.22 cfs, 26.0 ac-ft/yr, for the irrigation of 10 acres from April 15 to October 15. The place of use includes pastures on the west side of the Entiat River.

Surface Water Permit No. S4-29646 contains provisions that limit the total diversions under the permit, Water Right Claim Nos. 130056, 130057, and 09551, and Surface Water Certificate No. S4-28582C, to a maximum of 2.19 cfs. Surface Water Permit No. S4-29646 authorizes the diversion of water from the Cannon-Anderson Ditch, which is no longer in operation. Water is currently withdrawn from Well No. 1, as previously described in this report.

WRC 130056

On February 25, 1975, Ecology assigned Water Right Claim No. 130056 to a claim filed by Randolph N. Cannon. The claim asserts a right to 2.2 cfs, 320 acre-feet per year (ac-ft/yr), for the irrigation of 80 acres and stock watering from April through September from a POD on the Entiat River. The claimed date of first putting water to use is 1890. The claimed POD location corresponds to the historical location of the Cannon Ditch, within the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 28, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. The claimed place of use (POU) is the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 and the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. The claimed POU corresponds to lands that are currently irrigated by the Cannons on the west side of the Entiat River.

WRC 130057



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Also on February 25, 1975, Ecology assigned Water Right Claim No. 130057 to a claim filed by Randolph N. Cannon. The claim asserts a right to 1.1 cfs, 128 ac-ft/yr, for the irrigation of 45 acres, from April 15 to October 1 from a POD on the Entiat River. The claimed date of first putting water to use is 1902. The claimed POD location corresponds to the historical location of the Cannon-Anderson Ditch, within the SW¼ of the SW¼ of Section 28, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. The claimed POU corresponds to lands that are currently irrigated by the Cannons on the east side of the Entiat River. A total of 65 acres of irrigation on the Cannon farm are claimed under Water Right Claim No. 130056 and Water Right Claim No. 130057.

Historical documents and statements by James Cannon evidence 65 acres of mixed orchard and pasture have been irrigated continuously since the claimed dates of first putting water to use under Water Right Claim No. 130056 and Water Right Claim No. 130057.

In 1986, Ecology authorized the addition of Well No. 1 as a POW to Water Right Claim No. 130056 and Water Right Claim No. 130057 with the Report of Findings of Fact and Decision for CV1-4P276. The following provision describing the management of the claims was included in the report:

The 1.74 cfs herein authorized for diversion under Water Right Claims No. 130056 and No. 130057 shall be allowed only when the Cannon-Anderson ditch is the sole source utilized. If the well is the sole source, then the maximum instantaneous withdrawal shall be 1.34 cfs for irrigation of 65 acres. If the ditch and the well are used in combination, then authorized pumping rate shall be determined (within the range from 1.34 cfs to 1.74 cfs) in proportion to the rate diverted at each point.

Certificate of Change No. CV1-4P276 consolidated the management of Water Right Claim No. 130056 and Water Right Claim No. 130057 allowing the combined usage of the Cannon-Anderson Ditch and a POW. The change also merged the POU's of the claims to include 65 acres of the Cannon farm on both sides of the Entiat River.

In 2010, Ecology authorized the addition of Well No. 2 as a POW under Water Right Claim Nos. 130056 and 130057 in Reports of Examination WRTS File Nos. CS4-WRC 130056 and CS4-WRC 130057. The ROEs authorize a combined withdrawal from Wells No. 1 and 2 under these two water rights not to exceed 650 gpm for the irrigation of 65 acres.

#### *WRC130053 – Randolph N. Cannon*

A short-form claim was signed by Mr. Cannon on June 25, 1974 and was assigned Water Right Claim No. 130053 on February 25, 1975. The claim asserts a domestic and stock watering right from a well. The POU is the W½NE¼ of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. The POU corresponds to the location of a home and a stock pen on the Cannon's farm east (river left) of the Entiat River.

#### *WRC130054 – Randolph N. Cannon*

A short-form claim was signed by Mr. Cannon on March 15, 1974 and was assigned Water Right Claim No. 130054 on February 25, 1975. The claim asserts a domestic right from a well. The place of use is the same as Water Right Claim No. 130053: W½NE¼ of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. Water Right Claim No. 130054 may assert the right to domestic water supply for a home located on the southwest (river right) side of Entiat River within the claimed POU.

#### *WRC150162 – Randolph N. Cannon*

Water Right Claim No. 150162 was filed by Mr. Cannon on June 30, 1974 and was assigned Water Right Claim No. 150162 on March 21, 1975. The claim asserts a continuous domestic supply water right from a well in the amount of 10 gpm, one ac-ft/yr. The claimed date of first putting the water to use is March 1904. The POU claimed is within the NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. This claim may assert a right to domestic water supply for a home located within the claimed POU.

#### *WRC150163 – Randolph N. Cannon*

Water Right Claim No. 150163 was filed by Mr. Cannon on June 30, 1974 and was assigned Water Right Claim No. 150163 on March 21, 1975. The claim asserts a continuous domestic supply water right from a well in the amount of three gpm, ¼ ac-ft/yr. The claimed date of first putting water to use is June 1938. The place of use claimed is within the NW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. This claim may assert a right to domestic water supply for a home located within the claimed POU.

#### *WRC095511 – Rowena G. Minkiewitz*

Water Right Claim No. 095511 was filed by Rowena G. Minkiewitz on April 11, 1974. The claim asserts a right to 200 miner's inches under a six-inch pressure, 140 ac-ft/yr, for the irrigation of 35 acres from April 1 to October 15 from a surface water source. Included with the claim is a notice of appropriation of water dated January 3, 1914 for the Cannon-Anderson ditch. The Report of Examination for Change Application No. S4CV1-4P276 states that "it appears that approximately 6 acres had been irrigated" under Water Right Claim No. 95511 north of the Cannon property. It appears that water diverted under this claim has been used to irrigate the homestead lands north of the Cannon farm and Entiat River Road, which are now owned by Mr. Cannon.

#### *Public Interest (groundwater only)*

The proposed change is subject to RCW 90.44.100 and therefore, cannot be detrimental to the public interest, including impacts on any watershed planning activities. The addition of a point of withdrawal to a water right must not have a detrimental effect upon the public interest (RCW 90.44.100(2)). A public interest investigation includes analyzing harm to



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fish and wildlife, effects on endangered or threatened species, impacts to wetlands, recreation, water quality, and any other concerns expressed by commenting and protesting parties.

In general, removing PODs and instream structures from a river has a positive impact on aquatic habitat. Diversions and instream pumps require frequent servicing that involves entering the river to repair structures, remove silt and debris from screens, and maintain pushup dams. Replacing a POD with a POW alleviates the need for repeated construction in the river and the associated disturbances from increased silt loading and stream bank modifications.

This change is consistent with the Entiat WRIA 46 Management Plan. The Plan recognizes the high degree of connectivity between surface and groundwater in the watershed and calls for treating both as one source for all water quantity actions. The Plan also "recommends that water users in the Entiat River watershed continue conversion of surface water diversions to ground water/well withdrawals when/where feasible." Plan at page 9-7.

#### *Tentative Determination*

In order to make a water right change decision, the Board must make a tentative determination on the validity and extent of the right. The Board has made the tentative determination as displayed upon the first page of this report. There are several circumstances that can cause the board's tentative determination to differ from the stated extent of the water right within water right documentation. Water right documents attempt to define a maximum limitation to a water right, rather than the actual extent to which a water right has been developed and maintained through historic beneficial use. Additionally, except for a sufficient cause pursuant to RCW 90.14.140, water rights, in whole or in part, not put to a beneficial use for five consecutive years since 1967 may be subject to relinquishment under Chapter 90.14.130 through 90.14.180 RCW. Water rights may additionally be lost through abandonment. The Board's tentative determination was based upon the following findings: historical evidence, power records, statements by Mr. Cannon, aerial photographs, the Reports of Examination for WRC 130056 and WRC 130057 issued by Ecology in 2010, historical documents, and observations during the site visits establish that there has been no relinquishment or abandonment of the water right.

#### **Water Use**

Superseding Certificate G4-26270C authorizes up to 120 ac-ft/yr for the irrigation of 30 acres, equating to a water duty of 4 acre-feet per acre. Water use under this certificate is supplemental to any water rights existing when the certificate was issued that are appurtenant to the described place of use on the certificate. WRC No. 130056 and 130057 were existing when the certificate was issued and are appurtenant to the place of use of G4-26270C. The site investigation indicated that 30 acres of pasture within the SW1/4NE1/4 and NW1/4SE1/4 west of the Entiat River continue to be irrigated on the Cannon's farm under this water right and/or the primary water rights. Mr. Cannon has testified that 4 acre-feet per acre is insufficient to provide adequate water on the porous valley lands where the Cannon farm is located. A 2009 analysis by Aspect Consulting, *Estimated Water Use*, confirms Mr. Cannon's observations. Given the soil types and meteorological data for the Entiat, Aspect concluded that an appropriate water duty is 6.0 acre-feet per acre for alfalfa and 7.0 acre-feet per acre for orchard. Mr. Cannon has filed an application for a new water right to increase the water duty and associated instantaneous withdrawal accordingly.

The water right also authorizes up to 10.6 ac-ft/yr for frost protection. Testimony by Mr. Cannon confirmed the water right is used for that purpose as needed. The water right also authorizes the use of up to 2 afy for group domestic. According to Mr. Cannon it has been more than five years since the right for domestic water was used to provide water to more than one residence. This Board concludes that the right is no longer used for group domestic but is used for single domestic. The annual quantity should be reduced to 0.5 acre-feet per year.

The water is withdrawn from a separate domestic well approximately 10 feet north of the irrigation well. As Ecology noted in the Report of Examination for S4-29646, this well should be added as a point of withdrawal under G4-26270C. By letter dated February 4, 2009, Mr. Cannon filed a Showing of Compliance with Ecology requesting that the domestic well be added as a point of withdrawal for domestic supply under GWC-26270C. *See*, Supp. Ex. 1. In the statement provided with the Showing of Compliance Mr. Cannon stated that the deeper well, Well No. 1 is used for irrigation and frost protection, while the shallower well has been used to supply domestic water under the certificate.

The power records submitted by Mr. Cannon, Ex. 7 to this change application and the analysis of the records conducted by Aspect Consulting, Ex. 8, support the full use of all of the Cannon water rights and the need for an additional water right to meet the crop requirements. Aspect Consulting analyzed power records for Well No. 1 from 2001-2008. Mr. Cannon provided additional information regarding Aspect Consultant's calculation of water usage from power records in Supp. Ex. 2. The power records for 2009 are consistent with the earlier records. The 2010 records show a reduction in water use that may be attributed to the cooler, wetter spring weather.

Based upon the power records this Board concludes that the Cannons have been using the full quantity of water authorized for beneficial use under the combined water rights.

#### **Place of Use**

With this and subsequent proposed changes, Mr. Cannon intends to modify his water rights to enable the integrated management and use of his water rights throughout the Cannon farm. In Reports of Examination WRTS File Nos. CS4-WRC 130056 and CS4-WRC 130057 issued in June 2010, Ecology combined the places of use under the two water right claims, WRC 130056 and 130057 to include 65 irrigated acres. The place of use for S4-28582C includes 5 additional irrigated acres within the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 33. Water right S4-29646P, which is also included in the requested changes, authorized the irrigation of an additional 10 acres. WRC 0095511 authorizes the irrigation of the property acquired by Mr. Cannon in the NE1/4NW1/4 north of the Entiat River, Parcel No. 262033210010, which is the location of Mr. Cannon's residence. The irrigated acres within the combined place of use for all Cannon



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water rights are shown on Attachment A to this report. The map is the same as Attachment 1 to the reports of Examination issued by Ecology in June 2010 for WRC 130056 and WRC 130057, with the addition of the place of use for S4-29646P in the SE1/4NW1/4, and WRC 0095511 in the NE1/4NW1/4 northeast of the Entiat River.

The place of use is complicated by the fact there have been three surveys in the Entiat. According to information provided by Mr. Cannon, the first or original survey was the Federal Survey of 1883 conducted by Benson and Associates. The location of the 160 acre land patent issued to N.M. Cannon, Jim Cannon's grandfather, in 1901, and the place of use of the water rights represented by WRC 130056 (water right filed in 1890) and 130057 (water right filed in 1902), were based upon the 1883 survey. Because the 1883 survey was incomplete and inaccurate, the federal government initiated a "dependent resurvey" in 1915 (Adams). Section 33, T. 26N., R. 20 E.W.M. was resurveyed, including the Cannon homestead. However, unlike properties upriver from the Cannon homestead, the lands in Section 33 were not put into tracts.

According to a written statement from Rebecca J. Cate, Washington Professional Land Surveyor, Ex. 9, supplemental plats are on record and additional Federal surveys were done in the 1980's. The result is "[t]he locations of property lines for parcels based on the original 1883 survey are often different when compared to the locations of property lines for the same parcel based on Dependent Resurveys that began in 1915." Mr. Cannon has provided documents that show the 1915 Dependent Resurvey differs from the 1883 survey upon which the patent and original water rights were based and that the original 1883 survey established lines lying to the north and west of the lines from the 1915 Dependent Resurvey. See Ex. 10.

Based upon the documents provided by Mr. Cannon and the reports of Examination issued for the Cannon water right claims in June 2010, the Board concludes that the place of use is as described in the Board's decision on page 2 and as shown on Exhibit A.

### **Water Right Provision**

Mr. Cannon has requested that the Board recommend removal of the provision that the water right is supplemental to the surface water rights existing at the time the certificate was issued. The Board recognizes that the *Estimated Water Use* report prepared by Aspect Consulting supports the need for additional water rights for the Cannon property. However, conversion of a supplemental right to an additive right would in essence create a new water right. Such an action is beyond the authority of the Board.

*Geologic, Hydrogeologic, or other scientific investigations (if applicable)*

### **Hydrologic/Hydrogeologic Evaluation**

The following statements are excerpted from the Report of Examination WRTS File No. CS4-WRC 130056, which included excerpts from an October 29, 2008 "Technical Memorandum, Re: Technical analysis for Water Right Change Application Nos. CS4-WRC130056 and CS4-WRC130057, Randolph Cannon" written by Ingrid Ekstrom, LHD, Ecology staff Hydrogeologist. The complete memorandum and list of references is available at the Department of Ecology, Central Region Office, upon request. Additional information regarding Well No. 1 is from excerpts taken from the July 13, 2011 memorandum by Aspect Consulting "Re: Cannon Water Right Change Applications, Hydrogeologic Evaluation of Surface Water to Groundwater Right Changes," Supp. Ex. 3.

### **Site Area Geology**

A description of the site-specific geology in the vicinity of the Cannon property is based on area well logs, topographic maps, aerial photographs, geologic maps, and site observations.

Well No. 1 is located on a flat, low bench on the Entiat River valley floor with ground surface elevation about 10 feet above river level. This well taps the coarse-grained valley fill deposits. Ground surface rises steeply from the valley floor to the southwest and northwest. Bedrock underlying these steep slopes forms a relatively impermeable boundary along the margin of the valley fill aquifer. The Entiat River flows adjacent to the northeast and southeast sides of the Cannon's property, coming within about 500 feet of Well No. 1.

Well No. 2 is located approximately 20 feet (ft) east of the Entiat River along a narrow reach of the river valley. Directly downstream the river valley becomes slightly wider, where two canyons with intermittent streams, Ringstead Canyon and Crum Canyon, enter the valley. In the subject area, small terraces and alluvial fans are found on either side of the valley floor along the bedrock walls. Well No. 2 was drilled on the main valley floor at an elevation of approximately 10 to 15 ft above the river. Well No. 1 is located downstream in the slightly wider section of the valley. The well is located approximately 420 feet west of the Entiat River and was drilled on the main valley floor about 8 to 10 feet above the river.

Area well logs record sand, gravel, and cobbles with occasional silt and clay. The gravel and sand compose the majority of the unconsolidated material, and clays and silts appear to form discontinuous lenses closer to ground surface, typically within the upper 20 to 30 ft below ground surface (bgs). For example, the driller's log for Well No. 1 records clay and gravel to 22 feet bgs and gravel and sand between 23 and 73 feet. The driller's log for Well No. 2 records clay and gravel to 28 ft bgs and sand, gravel, and cobbles between 29 and 58 ft bgs. The nature of the unconsolidated material penetrated by Well No. 2 and its proximity to the Entiat River suggest that the well is completed into the recent fluvial deposits left behind by the Entiat River and/or sand and gravel glaciofluvial deposits from the alpine glaciers.

Well logs were also used to approximate the thickness of the unconsolidated sands and gravels that overlie the crystalline bedrock. Wells completed in the vicinity of Wells No. 1 and 2 range in depth from 30 to 120 ft below ground surface (bgs).



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Two of the well logs reviewed recorded encountering bedrock at depths of 64 and 82 ft bgs. However, these wells appear to be located (based on general well log location descriptions) near the bedrock valley wall, where the underlying bedrock slopes from the upland area toward the valley center. Well No. 1 was drilled to 73 feet and completed in unconsolidated sediments. Well No. 2 was drilled to 58 feet and completed in the unconsolidated sediments. As a result, the thickness of the unconsolidated deposits near Well Nos. 1 and 2 is greater than 73 ft, and may be as thick as 120 ft (the deepest area well cited above) or greater, with actual thicknesses depending on local bedrock topography.

### Site Area Hydrogeology

In order to analyze the proposal to add Well No. 2 as a POWD, it is important to consider the ground water flow system in the subject area and its relationship to the river system. A characterization of the hydrogeology for the site area included an analysis of the following: saturated thickness of the aquifer, ground water – surface water interaction, area well yields, aquifer parameters, and ground water recharge and discharge relationships.

Ground water levels provide an estimate of the aquifer's saturated thickness when considered with the thickness of valley fill deposits. In the subject area, ground water levels recorded on well logs for the unconsolidated deposits range from 8 to 81 ft bgs, with most between 8 and 30 ft bgs. Some of the deeper water levels are associated with wells at higher elevations and closer to the bedrock valley walls. Based on static water levels and well depths, the known saturated thicknesses for area wells range from 13 to 68 ft. The aquifer at Wells No. 1 and 2 has a known saturated thickness of at least 47.5 ft. Because the wells in Ecology's database that are directly adjacent to Wells No. 1 and 2 do not encounter bedrock, the saturated thickness of the unconsolidated sediments at the proposed well site is recognized to be greater than 47.5 ft. Actual aquifer saturated thickness will vary with the elevation of the underlying bedrock surface.

Ground water and surface water elevations and the nature of aquifer and river bed sediments suggest good hydraulic communication between the Entiat River and the valley fill aquifer in the subject area. Static water level elevations in wells adjacent to the river are typically similar (within 5 to 10 ft) to the elevation of the Entiat River. Additionally, the applicant indicated that he has observed water level fluctuations in his stock water well that appear to correlate with changes in river level. The stock water well is located approximately 600 ft to the southeast of Well No. 2 and about 40 ft east of the river. During times of low river flow, the applicant reports that in the past, the water level in the well would drop below the pump intake. The presence of coarse sands and gravels that dominate the valley fill aquifer and the Entiat River bed also supports a system in which water is able to flow easily between the aquifer and the river. The above information and the proximity of Wells No. 1 and 2 to the river suggest a high degree of ground water – surface water interaction between the aquifer near Wells No. 1 and 2 and the Entiat River.

Area wells completed in the unconsolidated sediment aquifer are estimated by drillers to yield between 20 and 800 gpm, with most in the 20 to 100 gpm range. Many of the reported well yields depend on well efficiencies, well design, intended use, and test method, rather than a maximum aquifer yield. Sediment type, available saturated thickness, and well yields suggest the subject aquifer in the vicinity of Wells No. 1 and 2 has a transmissivity (T) in the range of 15,000 gallons per day per foot (gpd/ft) to 40,000 gpd/ft and a specific yield typical of unconfined sand and gravel aquifers. The above estimated T range falls within the basin wide range of 12,000 to 60,000 gpd/ft presented for Entiat valley fill deposits by Kirk et al (1995). Ground water recharge to the subject aquifer is from precipitation, irrigation return flows, and ground water – surface water interaction with the Entiat River. Ground water discharges to pumping wells and as seepage to the river, where head relationships and aquifer geometries facilitate.

### Hydrogeologic Analysis of the Site

Change Application No. CHEL-10-04 proposes to add a withdrawal from Well No. 2.

Well No. 2 is 10 inches in diameter and was drilled to a depth of 58 ft in 1995. The well was completed with a 9-inch diameter 50-slot stainless steel well screen extending from 42 to 57 ft bgs. The driller conducted an air test on April 12, 1995, and recorded a discharge rate greater than 230 gpm after 1.5 hours. The well is currently equipped with a 30 horsepower submersible pump, and the applicant indicated that normal operational pumping rates are typically between 250 and 350 gpm. The well log records that a bentonite surface seal was installed to a depth of 19 ft bgs.

In order to add a groundwater point of withdrawal to a groundwater right, the additional well must tap the same body of public ground water as the original well. RCW 90.44.100(2)(a). Based upon high transmissivity of the aquifer, similar water level elevations in the river and wells, and the proximity of the wells to the river, Aspect and Ecology determined that Wells No. 1 and No. 2 are in hydraulic continuity with the Entiat River. The wells, therefore, withdraw from the same body of public ground water.

The above well information is based on the 2008 site visit for WRTS File Nos. CS4-WRC130056 and CS4-WRC130057 and the July 2, 2010 site visit, conversations with the applicant, and the well logs on file with Ecology.

The information or conclusions in this section were authored and/or developed by Don Phelps, Waikele Hampton, the applicant and Mary McCrea.

### Impairment

The impairment analysis considers the potential for drawdown impacts at nearby wells by analyzing the local geology, aquifer characteristics, nearby well yields and performance of the well in question. Ecology previously concluded that "pumping from Well No. 2 over the course of the irrigation season is not anticipated to cause adverse effects to any wells in neighboring parcels." Report of Examination WRTS File No. CS4-WRC 130057, page 11.



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Aspect analyzed the potential for impairment of existing groundwater rights or permit exempt wells from Well No. 1, assuming that the full additional 58.4 afy and 72 gpm from the combined water right changes would occur only at Well No. 1 and that the March 15 through June 1 frost protection occurred during the same period. *See*, Supp Ex. 3. This analysis, which considered the maximum possible impacts, found no indication of impairment. The closest parcels to Well No. 1 not owned by Cannons are located east of the Entiat River, about 600 feet from Well No. 1. Five wells were mapped in the well log database within about ¼ mile of Well No. 1. However, locations are given only at the section or ¼ section scale and accurate locations could not be determined. Three groundwater claims and a certificate of change on a groundwater claim are mapped in Ecology's database within about ¼ mile of Well No. 1 and all located east of the Entiat River. Aspect determined that the drawdown from the increased average pumping rate over the irrigation season would be less than 1 foot at the river and east of the river would be significantly less. Aspect concluded there is no indication for potential impairment and the Board concurs with this assessment.

**CONCLUSIONS** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(d)]

*Tentative determination (validity and extent of the right)*

The water right proposed for change exists to the extent set forth on page 1.

*Relinquishment or abandonment concerns*

The water right has been continuously beneficially used. There are no relinquishment or abandonment concerns regarding this right.

*Hydraulic analysis*

The new points of withdrawal have been determined to be from the same body of public water as the original point of diversion based upon the hydrologic review summarized above.

*Consideration of comments and protests*

There were no comments or protests.

*Impairment*

The proposed changes can be made without injury or detriment to existing water rights.

*Public Interest*

The proposed change from a surface water diversion to a groundwater withdrawal is in the public interest.

*Water Quantities*

The authorized instantaneous quantities under all water rights by season of use are shown in Table 1, attached.

**DECISION** [See WAC 173-153-130(6)(e)]

Name on Certificate:	Estate of Randolph N. Cannon
Priority Date:	6/23/1979
Instantaneous Quantity:	600 gpm
Annual Quantity:	120 acre-feet for irrigation; 10.6 afy for frost protection and 0.5 afy for domestic
Source:	two wells
Points of Withdrawal:	Well No. 1: NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. and 1,650 feet west and 2,400 feet north from the southeast corner of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W. M.  Well No. 2: NW1/4 NE1/4, Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. and 2,657 west and 1,032 feet south from the northeast corner of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. E.W.M.  Well No. 3: NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W.M. and 1,650 feet west and ~ 2,390 feet north from the southeast corner of Section 33, T. 26 N., R. 20 E.W. M.
Purpose of Use: (and number of acres irrigated)	Irrigation of 30 acres; frost protection; single domestic
Period of Use:	April 15 to October 15
Place of Use:	NE1/4 NW1/4; NE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4; SE1/4SE1/4NW1/4; W1/2 NE1/4; N1/2 SE1/4, west of the Entiat; and E2/3 N2/3 SW1/4SE1/4, west of the Entiat River. Parcel numbers: 262033120050, 262033210010, 262033120100, 262033130100, 262033420050, 262033430050, and a portion of parcel numbers 262033210050 and 262033300050.

**PROVISIONS** Any water withdrawn from the well under this groundwater right for irrigation is supplemental to surface water rights CS4-WRC130056 and CS4-WRC130057, which are appurtenant to the described place of use.



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All irrigation withdrawals under this certificate, S4-28582C, S4-29646P, WRC 130056 and WRC 130057, as recommended for change by Reports of Examination WRTS Files No. CS4-WRC 130056 and CS4-WRC 130057, and WRC 0095511 are limited to a combined withdrawal of 852.05 gpm and 306 acre-feet per year for the irrigation of 81 acres within the place of use shown on Attachment A.

**Farm Plan:** If the requested changes to the Cannon water rights are approved, each of the rights will be appurtenant to the entire place of use for the Cannon farm. The Cannons have grown orchard on the lands currently in orchard for the past 100+ years. The cannons have also grown pasture grass on the lands currently in pasture for the last 100 years. The land in orchard and the land in pasture are identified on Supp. Ex. 5. The two authorized points of withdrawal will be authorized to be used under all water rights and will be metered to ensure that the water right limitations are not exceeded. If in the future the Cannons change the crops grown on the currently irrigated acres, they will notify Ecology by February 15th of the year in which the change is proposed to take place, and provide a map that identifies the specific acreage's planted/to be planted in each crop type and identifies which water rights will be used to meet the particular needs of that crop.

#### *Conditions and limitations*

### **1. Well Construction Standards**

- 1.1. All wells constructed in the state shall meet the construction requirements of Chapter 173-160 WAC titled "Minimum Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Wells" and Chapter 18.104 RCW titled "Water Well Construction". Any well that is unusable, abandoned, or whose use has been permanently discontinued, or which is in such disrepair that its continued use is impractical or is an environmental, safety or public health hazard shall be decommissioned.
- 1.2. All wells shall be tagged with a Department of Ecology unique well identification number. If you have an existing well and it does not have a tag, please contact the well-drilling coordinator at the regional Department of Ecology office issuing this decision. This tag shall remain attached to the well. If you are required to submit water measuring reports, reference this tag number.

### **2. Measurements, Monitoring, Metering and Reporting**

- 2.1. An approved measuring device shall be installed and maintained for each of the sources identified by this water right in accordance with the rule "Requirements for Measuring and Reporting Water Use", Chapter 173-173 WAC.
- 2.2. Water use data shall be recorded weekly. The maximum rate of diversion/withdrawal and the annual total volume shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology by January 31st of each calendar year.
- 2.3. Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions.
- 2.4. Chapter 173-173 WAC describes the requirements for data accuracy, device installation and operation, and information reporting. It also allows a water user to petition the Department of Ecology for modifications to some of the requirements. Installation, operation and maintenance requirements are enclosed as a document entitled "Water Measurement Device Installation and Operation Requirements".  
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/measuring/measuringhome.html>
- 2.5 Ecology prefers water use data submitted via e-mail in the form on an electronic spreadsheet. However, hard copies are still accepted. Reported water use data shall be submitted via the Internet or by using forms available at the Central Regional Office of the Department of Ecology in Yakima. To set up an Internet reporting account, access <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrx/wrx/Meteringx/>. If you have questions contact the Central Regional office.

### **1. Water Use Efficiency**

Use of water under this authorization shall be contingent upon the water right holder's maintenance of efficient water delivery systems and use of up-to-date water conservation practices consistent with established regulation requirements and facility capabilities.

### **2. Schedule and Inspections**

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the project location, and to inspect at reasonable times, records of water use, wells, diversions, measuring devices and associated distribution systems for compliance with water law.

#### *Construction Schedule*

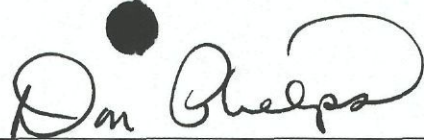
Begin project and put water to beneficial use by October 31, 2012.

Signed at Wenatchee, Washington



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This 8 day of sept 2011.



Don Phelps, Chair  
Chelan County Water Conservancy Board

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**Randolph & James Cannon  
Place of Use of  
Integrated Water System**



0 205 410 820 1,230 1,640 Feet

- Well
- Place of Use
- Parcel Boundary

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